

# HAZMATS AT HOME



FIRE SAFETY FACTS

A FIRE SAFETY MESSAGE FROM  
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HAZMATS is short for...

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

AND THEY AREN'T JUST  
STORED IN WAREHOUSES  
OR TRANSPORTED ON  
HIGHWAYS OR BY RAILCAR

HAZMATS CAN BE FOUND IN  
YOUR HOME OR APARTMENT!

- AUTOMOTIVE FLUIDS
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANERS
- LAUNDRY PRODUCTS
- HEALTH AND BEAUTY AIDS
- LAWN AND GARDEN
- COOKING AND BARBECUE
- HOME IMPROVEMENT

THEY CAN CONTAIN TOXIC,  
IGNITABLE, CORROSIVE,  
AND REACTIVE-IF-MIXED  
WITH OTHER MATERIALS.



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## TYPES OF HAZMATS

**CORROSIVES...**metal cleaners, oven cleaners, rust removers, drain cleaner.

**IGNITABLES...**small cans of gasoline, propane tanks, home heating oil, lighter fluid, ammunition, matches, anything with alcohol as an ingredient.

**REACTIVES...**these generally represent a threat that when combined with other materials.

**TOXIC...**usually identified by this symbol and harmful to humans.



# HAZMAT AT HOME HINTS

- Only buy what you need for the job. Avoid storage.
- Keep original containers. Label contents.
- Buy products with safety caps and closures.
- Never store flammables in direct sunlight.
- Store flammable pesticides in a locked bin.
- Inspect containers and storage area regularly.
- Keep home hazmats out of the reach of children.
- Dispose of solvents responsibly.
- Do Not store chemicals near food.

## *...and when a natural disaster strikes*

- Know how to shut off your natural gas supply.
- Chain propane tanks to prevent flood float away.
- Always install flexible fuel supply lines.
- Design storage shelving to prevent spills.
- Secure storage sheds to prevent flood float away.
- Remember be prepared **BEFORE** disaster strikes.

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